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ROADWATCH: Week of July 31 – August 6

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. Work schedules are always subject to change. New information is noted by "###". VDOT encourages motorists to call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org for real-time traffic information.

INTERSTATE 81

*** I-81 PAVEMENT REPAIRS AND GUARDRAIL UPGRADES** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for repairs and paving on a section of northbound and southbound I-81 between mile marker 151 and 156 in Botetourt County. Work will be performed during nighttime hours between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights. Right shoulder closures may occur during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for guardrail work. Estimated completion is October 2010.

ROANOKE

* ROUTE 220 BRIDGE OVER WALNUT AVENUE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Thursday, Aug. 5, the Route 220 bridge over Walnut Avenue and Jefferson Avenue will be inspected. The bridge is located near the Route 116 intersection. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on Walnut Avenue and Jefferson Avenue between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

*** ELM AVENUE BRIDGE WORK** – Motorists should watch for lane closures on I-581 at Elm Avenue in the City of Roanoke. Crews will be working during the overnight hours to make repairs to the Elm Avenue bridge. Work is scheduled to begin on the northbound side and progress to the southbound side in the following weeks. Work will be performed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday until work is completed in late July. Motorists should watch for signs and message boards.

ROANOKE COUNTY

* BRIDGE PATCHING – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Roanoke County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on these structures:

- Route 867 bridge over Norfolk Southern railroad tracks
- Route 601 bridge over Tinker Creek
- Route 646 bridge over the Roanoke River near Dixie Caverns

*** ROUTE 220 SHOULDER CLOSURE** – Work along Route 220 near the Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) intersection will cause a shoulder closure on northbound Route 220.

*** ROUTE 311 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work to repair shoulders may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 311 between Route 419 and Route 779. Work may be performed on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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* INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE INSPECTION OVER ROUTE 642 – Weather permitting, on Tuesday, Aug. 3, the I-81 bridge over Route 642 (Alleghany Drive) will be inspected. The bridge is located at mile marker 136. Flaggers will control traffic beneath the bridge on Route 642 during the inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

* MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Motorists should watch for workers along major roads throughout Roanoke County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures on sections of Route 24, Route 116, Route 220, Route 221 and Route 419.

*** ROUTE 311 TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION** – Weather permitting, crews will install a left turn lane from Route 311 onto Route 785 (Blacksburg Road). Watch for signs and flaggers on Route 311 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

*** ROUTE 24 TURN LANE EXTENSION** – Flaggers may direct traffic on eastbound Route 24 due to turn lane construction in front of William Byrd High School. Work may be performed during daytime hours on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Periodic lane closures may be in place at times in the work zone. Estimated completion is August 2010. A portion of Route 720 (Colonial Avenue) is closed to through traffic between the entrance to North Cross School and Route 1991 (Colonial Place Drive) in southwest Roanoke County. Signs are in place advising motorists of the detour.

BEDFORD COUNTY

*** ROUTE 460 PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on Route 460 during daylight hours on weekdays. Lane closures may be in place on eastbound or westbound Route 460 between the Route 122 overpass and Link Road.

*** ROUTE 460 GUARDRAIL IMPROVEMENTS** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for guardrail upgrades on a 4.2-mile section of eastbound Route 460 between Route 690 (Nester Road) and Route 681 (Magnolia Drive) and a 0.3-mile section of westbound Route 460 starting east of Route 689 (Irving Road). Work will be performed during daylight hours starting at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is in August.

*** ROUTE 221 PAVING** – Weather permitting, nighttime lane closures may be in place on the section of Route 221 between Ambassador Drive and the Lynchburg City limits due to paving. Work may be performed between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Estimated completion is in August.

*** MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow or cut brush along secondary roads throughout in Bedford County. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours in these areas:

- Irving area
- Secondary roads in the Cifax area
- Route 634 (Hardy Road)
- Route 643 (Bellevue Road)
- Route 706 (Bells Mill Road)
- Route 715 (Claytor Mill Road)
- Route 804 (Teass Terrace Road)
- Route 808 (Island Creek Road)

*** ROUTE 644 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work is under way to replace the bridge on Route 644 over Elk Creek. Work will include removing the existing one lane bridge and replacing it with a two lane bridge at a new location. Motorists should watch for temporary lane closures and flaggers at various times. Estimated completion is July 2011.

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* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Flaggers may direct traffic on these routes during daylight hours on weekdays due to pavement patching:

- Route 122 (Big Island Highway)
- Route 635 (Jeters Chapel Road)
- Route 727 (Crab Orchard Road)
- Route 749 (Meadows Spur Road)
- Route 1208 (Hunter Creek Road)
- Route 1242 (Mill Acers Drive)

* **ROUTE 806 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Weather permitting, the Route 806 (Rucker Road) bridge over Stony Fork is closed and is being replaced. Route 806 is closed to through traffic between its intersections with Route 801 (Stony Fork Road) and Route 793 (Watson Road). Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **ROUTE 43 PAVING AND GUARDRAIL UPGRADES** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for paving and guardrail work on a section of Route 43 that starts 8.7 miles north of Route 630 (Blacksburg Road) and extends to 11.5 miles north of Route 649 (Lake Catherine Drive). Work will be performed during daytime hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Traffic will be controlled with flaggers and a pilot truck. Motorists should watch for signs and use caution in the work zone. Estimated completion is mid-August.

* **ROUTE 220 GUARDRAIL WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place at various locations on northbound and southbound Route 220 between Fincastle and Iron Gate. Work will be performed during daylight hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is in August.

* **MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Motorists should watch for workers along Route 460 due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures on eastbound and westbound Route 460 from the Bedford County line to the Roanoke City limits.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Botetourt County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures in the Buchanan and Eagle Rock areas.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pavement patching on various secondary roads in the Eagle Rock area. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **DITCHING** – Weather permitting, flaggers may control traffic at times on Route 625 (Pico Road) due to work on ditches. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic.

CARROLL COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 77 PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Drivers should watch for possible lane closures on northbound and southbound I-77 due to pavement patching. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays and mobile lane closures.

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* INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE REPAIRS – Work is underway to rehabilitate a pair of I-77 bridges over Little Reed Island Creek at mile marker 13.7. Between mile marker 13 and 14, traffic patterns have been changed in both directions of I-77.

For southbound I-77, weather permitting, starting Sunday, Aug. 1, traffic will be split with a 16-foot lane on the right and an 11-foot lane on the left. Large vehicles and wide loads will need to use the right lane. The speed limit is reduced to 45 mph on southbound I-77.

On northbound I-77, two lanes of traffic are shifted to travel in the right lane and on the paved right shoulder. The left lane and left shoulder of northbound and southbound I-77 are closed. The speed limit on northbound I-77 is reduced to 55 mph.

*** BRIDGES OVER INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE PAINTING** – Weather permitting, the Route 740 (Rescue Road) and Route 683 (Frog Spur Road) bridges over northbound and southbound I-77 will be painted. Various lane closures may be in place on I-77 beneath the bridges during nighttime hours between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Estimated completion is early August.

*** ROUTE 58 LINE PAINTING** – Crews will paint lines on Route 58 in Carroll County. Mobile lane closures may be in place during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for slow moving traffic.

* ROUTE 670 PIPE REPLACEMENT – Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is closed to through traffic between Route 870 (Little Snake Creek Road) and Route 926 (Madison Road) until Friday, Aug. 13 due to a pipe replacement project. Detour signs are posted.

*** ROUTE 620 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Carroll County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and during some nighttime hours. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on the Route 620 bridges over Interstate 77.

*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers should be aware of the following due to the Route 58 Hillsville Bypass construction:

- Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.
- The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County.
- The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph.
- The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.
- A new traffic pattern is in place on the eastern end of the Hillsville Bypass project. Traffic on the two-lane section of Route 58 is shifted onto a newly constructed 1,100-foot stretch of two-lane roadway.
- A new traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 starting 0.3 mile east of Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and extending to 0.1 mile east of Route 820 (Freemont Road). The westbound lane of Route 58 between the west town limits of Hillsville and Route 808 (Expansion Drive). Traffic is now traveling on the newly constructed eastbound lanes. Traffic will remain shifted until fall.

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- Traffic has been shifted off of the existing two-lane section of Route 58 that starts about 0.1 mile west of Route 820 (Freemont Road) and extends to 0.3 mile west of Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road). Traffic is now using a newly constructed section of roadway. In addition, Route 669's intersection with Route 58 will be relocated just west of its current location.
- ### Snake Creek Road will be shifted into its new location at the Route 58 Bypass. Watch for flaggers between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Carroll County due to mowing during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pavement patching on various secondary roads throughout Carroll County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

CRAIG COUNTY

* **ROUTE 42 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Flaggers may control traffic on Route 42 due to shoulder repairs during daylight hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays.

* **REMOVE ROUTE 42 PAVING** – This work will be rescheduled.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic.

FLOYD COUNTY

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 772 (Kyle Weeks Road).

* **ROUTE 624 PIPE WORK** – Flaggers may control traffic due to work on pipes along Route 624 (Reese Road). Expect possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 730 (Parker Lane), Route 631 (Duncan Valley Road) and Route 757 (Hylton Road).

FRANKLIN COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on Route 220 due to work on shoulders during daylight hours one weekdays.

* **ROUTE 122 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch the Route 122 bridge over the Roanoke River. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and during some nighttime hours. Watch for flaggers or lane closures in place.

* **REMOVE ROUTE 927 CLOSURE** – Work is completed.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Franklin County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures in Burnt Chimney, Callaway and Sydnorsville areas. Work is tentatively planned on Route 1503 (Lake Shore Terrace Road).

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* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively planned on

- Route 611 (Sago Road)
- Route 629 (Hatchett Road)
- Route 674 (Doe Run Road)
- Route 766 (Beech Mountain Road)
- Route 864 (Old Ferrum Road)
- Route 969 (Danville Turnpike)
- Route 1057 (Miriam Hill Road)

* **DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on various secondary roads. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively scheduled in the Burnt Chimney area.

* **PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Weather permitting, crews may replace pipes along various routes in Franklin County. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 744 (Webster Corner Road).

GILES COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 DITCH WORK** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause lane closures on eastbound and westbound Route 460. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **LINE PAINTING** – Crews will paint lines on Route 219 and Old Route 100 in Giles County. Mobile lane closures may be in place during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for slow moving traffic.

* **ROUTE 635 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Crews have begun repairs on the bridge over Stoney Creek. The bridge is located about 0.5 mile north of the Kimbleton Lime Plant. Crews will be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane across the bridge and controlled by signals. Estimated completion is July 2010.

* **ROUTE 643 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, crews may work on shoulders along Route 643 (Wayside Mountain Road). Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on various secondary roads. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 608 (Brickyard Road).

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays.

HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 666 BRIDGE WORK** -- A section of Route 666 (Trenthill Drive) in Henry County is closed to through traffic, so the bridge over the Smith River can be repaired. Trenthill Drive will be closed between its intersections with Route 722 (Lucky Hill Road) and Route 740 (Rosemont Road). Detour signs are in place directing traffic to use Route 674 around the closure. Work is anticipated to be completed, and the road reopened to traffic by Friday, Aug. 6.

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*** ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

*** ROUTE 460 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on Route 460 due to work on shoulders during daylight hours one weekdays.

*** PRICES FORK ROAD BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 460 BYPASS WORK** – Weather permitting, work on the Prices Fork Road (Route 412) bridge in Blacksburg may cause lane closures beneath the bridge on the Route 460 Bypass. The bridge will be cleaned and painted. Work will be performed daily until completed in August.

*** BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Montgomery County. Crews may be working Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. or Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on the Route 636 bridge over I-81 located about 0.2 mile from Route 820.

*** PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads: Route 674 (Bow Hill Road) and Route 674 (Craigs Mountain Road).

*** ROUTE 620 BRIDGE WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will work on the Route 620 (Blue Springs Road) bridge over Wolf Spring Branch. The bridge is located about 0.2 mile from Route 613 and 1.4 miles from Route 710. Flaggers may control traffic on the bridge during daylight hours.

*** ROUTE 667 RECONSTRUCTION** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place with flaggers controlling traffic at various times on Route 667 (Stanley Road). Work is expected to be completed by September.

*** DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on various secondary roads. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 603 (Cove Hollow Road).

*** UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads: Route 609 (Fishersview Road), Route 614 (Tanbark Road) and Route 717 (Sourwood Road).

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PATRICK COUNTY

* **ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

* **ROUTE 58 LINE PAINTING** – Crews will paint lines on Route 58 in Patrick County. Mobile lane closures may be in place during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for slow moving traffic.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Patrick County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Patrick County due to mowing. Flaggers may direct traffic at times.

PULASKI COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE INSPECTION OVER ROUTE 100** – Weather permitting, on Wednesday, Aug. 4, the I-81 bridge over Route 100 will be inspected. The bridge is located at mile marker 98. Flaggers will control traffic beneath the bridge on Route 100 during the inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

* **ROUTE 643 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Work is under way to repair the Route 643 bridge over the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. The bridge is located about 0.2 mile north of the Volvo plant. A temporary signal will be installed to control traffic. Drivers should expect delays.

* **ROUTE 640 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch the Route 640 bridge over the North Fork of Peak Creek. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and during some nighttime hours. Watch for flaggers or lane closures in place

* **ROUTE 778 RECONSTRUCTION** – Work is under way to install a box culvert on Route 778 (Dallas Freeman Road). Drivers should expect lane closures and watch for flaggers at various times. Estimated completion is in October.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on Route 640 (Brookmont Road). Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Pulaski County due to mowing. Flaggers may direct traffic at times.

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